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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 32 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-- As the integration of the red semiconductor laser chip and the infrared semiconductor laser chip, a monolithic semiconductor laser array is reported in JP11 (1999)-186651 A (a first prior art) and 3a-ZC-10 of the 60th Annual Meeting in autumn in The Japan Society of Applied Physics (a second prior art). Furthermore, the optical pick-up having two optical system components by integrating the red semiconductor laser chip and the infrared semiconductor laser